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## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HEARINGS ON SINGLE-FIRM CONDUCT TO CONTINUE ON SEPTEMBER 12**

*Session to be Held in Washington, D.C. to Focus on International Issues*

WASHINGTON - The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) today announced that the fourth in a series of planned joint public hearings designed to examine the implications of single-firm conduct under the antitrust laws will take place on September 12, 2006, in Washington, D.C. As previously announced, these public hearings will examine whether and when specific types of single-firm conduct may violate Section 2 of the Sherman Act by harming competition and consumer welfare and when they are procompetitive and lawful. The hearings will continue during the coming months.

The first panel on September 12 will focus on how foreign antitrust enforcers apply their laws to allegations of anticompetitive single-firm conduct. The second panel on September 12 will focus on international antitrust practice in the single-firm conduct area. Both panels will be held at the FTC's Satellite Building at 601 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., Conference Room C.

Further information is provided below:

### **Morning Session (9:30 AM - 12:00 PM): International Enforcement Perspectives**

**Philip Lowe** is the Director General for Competition of the European Commission.

**Hideo Nakajima** is the Deputy Secretary General, General Secretariat, of the Japan Fair Trade Commission.

**Eduardo Pérez Motta** is the President of the Mexican Federal Competition Commission.

**Sheridan Scott** is the Commissioner of Competition of the Canadian Competition Bureau.

### **Afternoon Session (1:30 PM - 4:00 PM): Practitioner and Academic Perspectives**

**George Addy** is a partner at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP and former head of the Canadian Competition Bureau.

**Margaret Bloom** is a senior consultant at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and a Visiting Professor at the School of Law, King's College London.

**Paul Lugard** is the Head of Antitrust for Royal Philips Electronics N.V.

**James F. Rill** is a partner at Howrey LLP and former Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

The public and press are invited to attend the hearings. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested parties may submit written comments to the Antitrust Division and the FTC.

Further information about the hearings will be posted on the Antitrust Division's Web site at [http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/public/hearings/single\\_firm/sfchearing.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/public/hearings/single_firm/sfchearing.htm) and on the FTC's Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/sectiontwohearings/index.htm>. Individuals seeking more information on the hearings should contact Gail Kursh, Deputy Chief, Legal Policy Section, Antitrust Division, at [singlefirmconduct@usdoj.gov](mailto:singlefirmconduct@usdoj.gov), or Patricia Schultheiss, FTC, at [section2hearings2@ftc.gov](mailto:section2hearings2@ftc.gov).

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